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COTTON AND FIBER BRANCH, WESTERN AREA
SAN FRANCISCO 3, CALIFORNIA

JULY 11, 1944

REGIONAL OFFICE WEEKLY REPORT

CONSIDERABLE TIME HAS BEEN DEVOTED TO A STUDY OF OPERATIONAL MEMORANDA WHICH WERE RECEIVED DURING THE WEEK. NUMEROUS FISCAL PROCEDURES WERE UNDER CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PERSONNEL DIVISION RELATIVE TO THE APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY CLERKS, CLERKS, AND LABORERS DURING THE SEASON JUST AHEAD. IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO SETTLE MANY OF THESE DETAILS PRIOR TO OUR DEPARTURE FOR BAKERSFIELD.

WORK PROGRESSED SATISFACTORILY ON THE PREPARATION OF NEW FILES, THE PACKING OF OLD FILES, AND THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN SUPPLIES WHICH WILL BE REQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE OPERATION OF THE AREA OFFICE.

RECORDS WERE ALSO ESTABLISHED THIS WEEK WHEREBY THE AREA OFFICE WILL BE IN A POSITION TO PREPARE PERIODICAL REPORTS SHOWING STATUS OF OUR FUNDS THROUGHOUT THE SEASON. WE HOPE THIS METHOD WILL GIVE THE DESIRED INFORMATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH WASHINGTON REQUIREMENTS.

WEATHER IN THE BAY AREA HAS BEEN TYPICAL FOR THIS SEASON OF THE YEAR, NAMELY, VERY LITTLE SUNSHINE AND PLenty OF FOG WITH HEAVY OVERCAST SKIES. IT WAS EXTREMELY COOL ON SEVERAL DAYS AND A LIGHT TOP COAT FELT COMFORTABLE. THIS WILL CONSTITUTE QUITE A CHANGE WHEN WE MOVE TO THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY.

QUOTATIONS FROM FIELD OFFICE WEEKLY REPORTS

BAKERSFIELD - WITH DAILY TEMPERATURES RANGING FROM 100 TO 107 DEGREES, COTTON IS NOW MAKING EXCELLENT PROGRESS. THE ACTUAL COTTON ACREAGE PLANTED FOR CALIFORNIA IS REPORTED TO BE 300,000, WHICH IS AN INCREASE OF 11,000 ACRES OVER THAT PLANTED LAST YEAR. THEREFORE, WITH NORMAL CONDITIONS PREVAILING FOR THE NEXT SIXTY DAYS WE CAN EXPECT TO RECEIVE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF 360,000 SAMPLES FOR CLASSIFICATION DURING THE COMING SEASON. GROWERS HERE IN KERN COUNTY ARE NOW APPLYING THE FIRST IRRIGATION TO THEIR COTTON. ACCORDING TO FIGURES RELEASED BY THE FEDERAL-STATE MARKET NEWS SERVICE 24,173 CARLOADS OF POTATOES HAVE BEEN SHIPPED FROM KERN COUNTY THIS SEASON. THIS IS 5,041 CARS MORE THAN THE TOTAL SHIPPED AT THIS TIME LAST SEASON. OFFICE ACTIVITY WAS PRACTICALLY AT A STANDSTILL WITH ONLY ROUTINE MATTERS BEING ATTENDED TO. MRS. GEORGIE SNUFFIN, OUR SECRETARY WENT ON ANNUAL LEAVE JULY 3 AND IS NOT EXPECTED TO RETURN UNTIL JULY 16. IN CONJUNCTION WITH MARKET NEWS, ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN WORKED OUT WITH MR. JACK W. CHEZICK, DISTRICT FIELDMAN OF THE AGRICULTURAL ADJUSTMENT AGENCY TO HAVE A WEEKLY REPORT FORWARDED TO THIS OFFICE BY THE SECRETARIES OF ALL COTTON PRODUCING COUNTIES. THIS REPORT WILL LIST THE NUMBER OF COTTON EQUITIES SOLD BY THE GROWERS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COTTON TRADE, THE AVERAGE PRICE RECEIVED, AND ALSO THE GRADES AND STAPLES. MR. DIXON SPENT WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY OF THIS WEEK IN LOS ANGELES AS AGENT FOR THE WAR FOOD ADMINISTRATOR AT THE PLANT OF THE NATIONAL AUTOMOTIVE FIBERS, INC., WHO ARE ENGAGED IN MANUFACTURING COTTON INSULATION UNDER A SUBSIDY PROGRAM. MR. DIXON WILL BE AWAY DURING THE COMING WEEK ON THIS SAME WORK. MR. ROY K. DORR WHO HAS BEEN FILLING THIS POSITION SINCE LAST SEPTEMBER IS STILL SUFFERING FROM A HEART CONDITION AND IS NOW LOCATED AT THE SAWTELL VETERAN'S HOSPITAL. THERE SEEMS TO BE AN IMPROVEMENT IN THE DEMAND FROM SOUTHEASTERN MILLS. THE INQUIRIES CONTINUE TO BE LIMITED WITH LITTLE RESULTING BUSINESS. A NOTICEABLE INCREASE IN THE SALE OF 1942 EQUITIES BY GROWERS TOWARD THE END OF THE WEEK HAS PREVAILED THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE VALLEY. REPORTS INDICATE THAT THERE IS DEVELOPING A DEMAND FOR SOME 1943 EQUITIES OF THE BETTER GRADES AND STAPLES.SMITH

EL PASO - WEATHER CONDITIONS HAVE BEEN IDEAL FOR COTTON GROWTH. THE PLANT LOOKS HEALTHY OVER THE ENTIRE AREA AND IS BLOOMING PROFUSELY. SOME SECTIONS ARE A LITTLE WEEDY, HOWEVER, PRODUCERS ARE ENDEAVORING TO CLEAN ALL FIELDS IMMEDIATELY AS A DRASTIC LABOR SHORTAGE IS IN THE OFFING IF, AS IS PROPOSED, ALL SO-CALLED WET LABOR, I.E. (LABOR WHICH HAS ENTERED FROM MEXICO ILLEGALLY) IS WITHDRAWN. LABOR OF THIS TYPE IN THE EL PASO AREA CONSTITUTES A LARGE PROPORTION OF THE NOW EMPLOYED LABOR - SOMEWHERE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF FOUR THOUSAND. IT IS TO BE HOPED THAT SOME SOLUTION CAN BE FOUND. IF NOT, DETERIORATION FOR LACK OF CARE OF THE COTTON CROP, TOGETHER WITH ALFALFA AND OTHER CROPS WILL BE DRASTIC. THE WRITER RETURNED LAST FRIDAY FROM A TRIP THRU THE AREA ACCOMPANIED BY MR. MACKELL. ALL COUNTY AGENTS WERE CONTACTED IN ALL COUNTIES EXCEPT LUNA, TOGETHER WITH SOME PRODUCERS AND GINNERS. ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE IN ROOSEVELT COUNTY FOR A COUNTY-WIDE GROUP. ALL GIN IN THIS AREA WILL NOT OPERATE DUE TO THE SMALLNESS OF THE CROP. ALL PERSONNEL HAS BEEN KEPT BUSY WITH THE CHECKING AND RESULTANT CERTIFICATION OF GRADES AND STAPLES OF SXP COTTON ELIGIBLE FOR THE 1.83 POINTS. APPROXIMATELY 3,000 BALES HAVE BEEN CERTIFIED TO DATE AND WE ARE ADVISED OF PAPERS TO BE PREPARED ON ANOTHER 5,000. THE DEADLINE ON THIS WORK IS AUGUST 1ST. THE AAA HAS BEEN UNABLE TO GET FROM CCC SUFFICIENT FORMS TO SUPPLY PRODUCERS AND SHIPPERS AND UNLESS IMMEDIATE ACTION IS TAKEN TO SECURE THESE FORMS SOME PRODUCERS WILL NOT MEET THE DEADLINE. WE ARE RUNNING OFF A

SUFFICIENT SUPPLY OF FORM PG WHICH IS THE CLASSIFICATION STATEMENT TO WHICH WE CERTIFY IN ORDER THAT OUR PART IN THE TRANSACTION WILL NOT BE HELD UP. AAA IS DOING THE SAME. GOOD PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF SMALL CHECK LOT TRAYS AND THIS JOB SHOULD BE COMPLETED NEXT WEEK. SOME TIME WAS SPENT IN OUTLINING A PROPOSAL FOR APPROVAL LOOKING TOWARD FURNISHING THE PRODUCER THIS FALL WITH NET WEIGHT PRICES FOR USE WITH THE FORM I CARDS. WE HOPE TO SECURE THE SERVICES OF MISS MARY MICHEL TO FILL MISS ACKERMAN'S JOB. IF EFFECTED IT WILL CONSTITUTE A TRANSFER FROM FORT BLISS. WE ARE GLAD TO HEAR FROM MISS GALLAGHER AND APPRECIATE HER GIVING THIS OFFICE CREDIT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A \$50 BOND. THE BEST OF LUCK MISS G. BASIS UNCHANGED TO SLIGHTLY LOWER. DEMAND LIGHT, INQUIRIES FEW. LITTLE MOVEMENT OF EQUITIES IN THE EL PASO AREA. NO ACTIVITY IN SXP. ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE TO CRATE AND SHIP VIA FREIGHT TO AREA OFFICE AT BAKERSFIELD OUR ADDRESSOGRAPH MACHINE AND PLATE HOLDER TOGETHER WITH THE FOLDING MACHINE AND SMALL ENVELOPE SEALER..BUTTERWORTH

PHOENIX - ALTOGETHER SUBNORMAL TEMPERATURES PREVAILED THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF JUNE. THE WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS UNUSUALLY HOT WEATHER FOR THE FIRST PART OF JULY. COTTON FIELDS ARE IN VERY GOOD CONDITION. ALTHOUGH SOME TROUBLE WAS EXPERIENCED IN OBTAINING SUFFICIENT LABORERS FOR CHOPPING, THIS HAS BEEN OVERCOME FOR THE TIME BEING, AND ALL THE COTTON FIELDS ARE CLEAN AND WELL THINNED. A REPORT FROM THE COUNTY AGENT'S OFFICE INDICATES THAT, WHILE THE PRESENT WEATHER CONDITIONS ARE EXCELLENT FOR THE GROWTH OF COTTON, NO MARKED IMPROVEMENT HAS RESULTED THUS FAR, AND THE CROP STILL APPEARS QUITE LATE AS COMPARED TO LAST YEAR. IN SOME FIELDS, WE ARE TOLD, THE PLANT IS ONLY SIX OR EIGHT INCHES HIGH, AND EVEN IN THE EARLIER COTTON ONLY A FEW BLOOMS HAVE APPEARED. O. G. APPLICATIONS WERE RECEIVED FROM THE TWO SAHUARITA GROUPS THIS WEEK, BUT IT WAS NECESSARY TO RETURN THEM FOR CORRECTION. A PART OF A SHIPMENT OF SACKS WAS RECEIVED FROM ATLANTA. CONSIDERABLE TIME HAS BEEN USED THIS WEEK IN STUDYING INSTRUCTIONAL MEMORANDA RECEIVED DURING THE WEEK. MR. CECIL J. NALLE, EX-TEMPORARY CLASSER, WAS A VISITOR IN THE OFFICE THIS MORNING. MR. NALLE IS EN-ROUTE TO CALIFORNIA. THE MARKET IS VERY QUIET, WITH LITTLE TRADING BEING DONE IN UPLAND VARIETIES AND NONE AT ALL IN SXP.....SPEER.

LOS ANGELES - HEAVY FOGS AND CLOUDS HAVE BEEN EXPERIENCED EACH MORNING THIS WEEK, FOLLOWED BY SUNSHINE DURING THE AFTERNOONS. TEMPERATURES WERE SLIGHTLY HIGHER ON SEVERAL DAYS, RANGING FROM THE MIDDLE FIFTIES TO THE EIGHTIES. PRODUCTION THIS WEEK HAS FALLEN BELOW PREVIOUS WEEKLY AVERAGES, THERE HAVING BEEN PRODUCED FOR SHIPMENT ONLY ABOUT 4,800 NET POUNDS. THIS, HOWEVER, CAN BE ATTRIBUTED TO INACTIVITY OVER THE HOLIDAY THE FIRST PART OF THE WEEK. THE COMING WEEK WILL, NO DOUBT, SHOW AN INCREASE IN PRODUCTION AS SHIPMENTS NOW PENDING ARE EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY THAT TIME. SHIPMENTS MADE SINCE REPORT DATED JUNE 30, 1944 HAVE TOTALED 8,838 NET POUNDS, BRINGING THE TOTAL SHIPMENTS TO DATE ON THE 1944 ALLOTMENT TO 160,014 NET POUNDS.....DIXON.

O. G. APPLICATIONS, WESTERN AREA, WEEK ENDING JULY 11, 1944

	ARIZONA				CALIFORNIA		NEW MEXICO		TEXAS
	DIST.				DIST.		DIST.		DIST.
	1 NO.	2 NO.	3 NO.	4 NO.	1 NO.	2 NO.	1 NO.	2 NO.	6 NO.
APPROVED	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	3

COTTON CLASSED, WESTERN AREA, THROUGH JULY 7, 1944

	WEEK	SEASON						TOTAL
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BAKERSFIELD	NONE							NONE
EL PASO	NONE							NONE
PHOENIX	NONE							NONE
TOTAL	NONE							NONE

WILLIAM B. LANHAM,
MANAGER, WESTERN AREA.